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¶1. (SBU) Econoff delivered the invitation contained reftel to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) Arms Control and Disarmament Division Deputy Director Shigeru Umetsu September 22, concerning a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) informal meeting. Umetsu told econoff later in the day that MOFA has sent instructions to Japan's delegation in New York, directing it to inform the U.S. delegation of Japan's interest in participating in the informal meeting, in addition to a bilateral meeting with U.S. Head of Delegation Tauscher.

¶2. (U) The government of Japan is on holiday through Wednesday, September 23. Post stands ready to assist, but please also directly engage Japan's delegation in New York to ensure the fullest Japanese participation.
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